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SOURCE



1. On 30 April 1951, about 600 troops with a band marched out of the Norddeutsche Werke in Luckenwalde (N 53/C 70) and returned about two hours later. On 2 May, three tanks, apparently T-34s, left the billeting area and went toward the railroad station. Conversations with German residents living nearby led source to believe that the Norddeutsche Werke quartered a training unit. The absence of heavy weapons and large vehicular traffic, and the scarcity of outdoor training activity supported this belief. *
2. Fifteen T-34 tanks participated in a field exercise on Gottower Strasse on 17 April. The tanks were still on Gottower Strasse in early May. They had been emplaced and camouflaged, and they were protected by 14 AA guns. Source saw battery commanders' telescopes and telephone wires near the tanks and guns, and concluded, therefore, that the weapons were part of the improved tactical defense position. **
3. The following vehicles were parked in front of the Soviet Kommandatura on Willi Scholz Strasse in early May:

Passenger cars


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*  Comment. Previous reports indicated that the Norddeutsche Werke housed a motor vehicle repair unit. See . 25X1A
The present report indicates that the installation may also quarter a training unit of the Third Gds Mecc Army.

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**  Comment. Gottower Strasse runs in a semicircle east of the restricted area on Gruen Strasse, where the Hq Third Gds Mecc Army is located. It is

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possible that the tactical position described by source constitutes the eastern defense of the army headquarters and is part of the encircling defenses which will be assumed in case of mobilization. The position may have been occupied for training purposes.

25X1A *** Comment. Vehicles observed belonged to components of the Third Gas
Mecz Army.

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